

# HOUSE BILL No. 1390

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Marriage and family building initiatives. Appropriates \$2,500,000 from the state general fund for programs and initiatives to foster stronger families. Requires the appropriations to be used for compliance with the federal maintenance of effort requirements for the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2002; July 1, 2003.

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January 15, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) There is  
2       appropriated to the state department of health one hundred  
3       thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the state general fund for the  
4       state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004,  
5       for use in collecting data on marriage and divorce.

6       (b) The money appropriated in subsection (a) is to be used to  
7       collect, confirm, and disseminate marriage and divorce statistics on  
8       a county by county basis.

9       (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

10       SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) There is  
11       appropriated to the state department of health three hundred  
12       thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the state general fund for the  
13       state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004,  
14       for grants to be used in communicating the benefits of marriage.

15       (b) The money appropriated by subsection (a) must be used for  
16       urban media initiatives to communicate the psychological,  
17       economic, emotional, and physical benefits of marriage.



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1 (c) Grants may be made to local media outlets that make a  
2 commitment to match the grant money.

3 (d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

4 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002] (a) As used in this  
5 SECTION, "commission" refers to the commission on marriage  
6 established by this SECTION.

7 (b) There is established the commission on marriage. The  
8 commission has eleven (11) members, three (3) of whom shall be  
9 appointed by the governor, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by  
10 the president pro tempore of the senate, two (2) of whom shall be  
11 appointed by the minority leader of the senate, two (2) of whom  
12 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives,  
13 and two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of  
14 the house of representatives. The members appointed by the  
15 senate and the house may not be members of the general assembly.

16 (c) At the first meeting of the commission, the eleven (11)  
17 members shall elect a twelfth individual, who is not an appointed  
18 member of the commission, as the chairperson. The chairperson is  
19 an ex officio member of the commission.

20 (d) The division of family and children shall provide staff for the  
21 commission.

22 (e) The commission, with the assistance of the staff of the  
23 division of family and children, shall conduct a summit on  
24 marriage in the summer of 2004. The commission shall advise the  
25 division of family and children on conducting the summit.

26 (f) There is appropriated to the office of the secretary of family  
27 and social services fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the state  
28 general fund for the period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending  
29 June 30, 2005, for the purposes described in subsection (g).

30 (g) The money appropriated in subsection (f) must be used by  
31 the commission to conduct the summit on marriage required under  
32 subsection (e). The money may be used to defray expenses of the  
33 summit, including:

34 (1) payment of per diem for any legislator attending the  
35 conference;

36 (2) payment for national speakers;

37 (3) payment for a site for the conference; and

38 (4) payment for publications and publicity for the conference.

39 (h) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

40 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) There is  
41 appropriated to the office of the secretary of family and social  
42 services six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) from the state

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1 general fund for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and  
 2 ending June 30, 2004, for social worker training and staff  
 3 development within the office of the secretary of family and social  
 4 services.

5 (b) The money appropriated in subsection (a) shall be used by  
 6 the office of the secretary of family and social services to provide  
 7 educational opportunities for social workers and case managers  
 8 related to the goal of strengthening marriages. The educational  
 9 opportunities must include study of the benefits derived from  
 10 healthy marriages to assist the social workers and case managers  
 11 in placing a new emphasis on fostering healthy marriages.

12 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

13 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) There is  
 14 appropriated to the office of the secretary of family and social  
 15 services one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
 16 (\$1,250,000) from the state general fund for the state fiscal year  
 17 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, to develop  
 18 initiatives relating to the early establishment of paternity and to  
 19 assist fragile families to stay intact.

20 (b) The money appropriated in subsection (a) is to be used to  
 21 help establish paternity at the earliest time possible when the  
 22 parents of a child are not married. The goal is to encourage  
 23 marriage as a means to assist in breaking the cycle of poverty for  
 24 children born out of wedlock.

25 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

26 SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) There is  
 27 appropriated to the office of the secretary of family and social  
 28 services two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the state  
 29 general fund for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, and  
 30 ending June 30, 2004, to contract for a study to assess the state of  
 31 the family in Indiana.

32 (b) The money appropriated in subsection (a) shall be used to  
 33 contract with three (3) independent research organizations to  
 34 gather data, conduct public opinion polls, study historical  
 35 comparisons, and study current trends using Bureau of the Census  
 36 data concerning the status of the family in Indiana. The study shall  
 37 be completed and distributed to:

38 (1) members of the general assembly not later than November  
 39 24, 2004; and

40 (2) the public not later than November 25, 2004.

41 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

42 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002] (a) The appropriations

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1 made in this act are to be used for the state's compliance with  
2 federal maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements for the federal  
3 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program (45  
4 CFR 260 et seq.). The state department of health and the office of  
5 the secretary of family and social services shall provide to the  
6 division of family and children all data required for the office of  
7 the secretary of family and social services to meet the data  
8 collection reporting requirements in 45 CFR 265. The division of  
9 family and children shall apply all qualifying expenditures made  
10 under this act toward Indiana's MOE under the TANF program.  
11 If the federal government determines that any of the  
12 appropriations are not eligible to be applied to the MOE, the  
13 ineligible appropriation is canceled.

14 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

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